

## BOIL WATER ORDER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.  
Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

### BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

**Failure to follow this advisory could result in stomach or intestinal illness.**

Due to the recent fire event, the California Department of Health Services in conjunction with the County of San Diego, Department of Environmental Health, and your water purveyor (if applicable) are advising residents of the affected areas of San Diego County to use boiled tap water or bottled water for drinking and cooking purposes as a safety precaution.

**DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.** Bring all water to a boil, **let it boil for one (1) minute**, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking and food preparation **until further notice**. [Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.](#)

- An alternative method of purification for residents that do not have gas or electricity available for boiling is to use fresh liquid (unscented) household bleach (Chlorox, Purex, etc.). To do so, add 8 drops (or 1/4 teaspoon) of bleach per gallon of clear water or 16 drops (or 1/2 teaspoon) per gallon of cloudy water, mix thoroughly, and allow to stand for 30 minutes before using. A chlorine-like taste and odor will result from this purification procedure and is an indication that adequate disinfection has taken place. Chlorine taste can be decreased by pouring the water back and forth from one container to another. This can also be useful to get rid of the "flat taste" resulting from boiling.
- Water purification tablets may also be used by following the manufacturer's instructions.

Your water purveyor will inform you when tests show no bacteria and you no longer need to boil your water. If you depend on your own well for your water supply, you are encouraged to check your water system to determine if all elements are in good condition. If repairs are required, you should have a sample of the water taken to ensure absence of bacteria. Sample materials and instructions can be obtained at the following offices of the Department of Environmental Health (DEH): 200 East Main Street, El Cajon, 6<sup>th</sup> floor – (619) 441-4030 ; 338 Via Vera Cruz, San Marcos, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor – (760) 471-0730 ; or you may contact DEH offices for a list of certified laboratories that can take and process your sample.

For more information call your water purveyor or the Department of Environmental Health: (858) 694-3113 or (858) 694-3718.

*Please share this information with other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*